



Honorable John E. Samson

Judgeship

2003 – present

Judge of the District Court, 6th Judicial District

(Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Thurston, & Washington counties)

2007 – 2010

Judge of the District Six Adult Drug Court, Dodge County

Experience

1985 – 2003

Samson Law Office

Blair, NE

1983 – 1985

Huntel Systems, Inc., corporate counsel

Blair, NE

1981 – 1982, associate

1982 – 1983, partner

O'Hanlon Law Office

Blair, NE

1979 – 1981

O'Hanlon and Nelson Law Office, law clerk

Blair, NE

Government Practice:

1997 – 2003

City Attorney

Blair, NE

1997 – 2003

Village Attorney

Washington, NE

1998 – 2003

Village Attorney

Herman, NE

1997 – 2003
Village Attorney Kennard, NE

1988 – 1997, county attorney Blair, NE
1985 – 1987, deputy county attorney
Washington County Attorney's Office

Special Prosecutor Appointments:

1996, **City of Omaha, NE**

1995, **Burt County, NE**

1994, **Burt County, NE**

Education

National Judicial College, 2007

Death Penalty Litigation

National Center For Justice, 2006

Univ. of Mississippi School of Law – Search & Seizure Law

National District Attorney Association, 1990

Chicago, IL – Prosecutor's Trial Advocacy Course

National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1986

Lawrence, KS – Intensive Trial Advocacy Program

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1981

Juris Doctorate

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1978

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

**Judicial/Law Related
Activities**

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

American Bar Association

Burt/Washington County Bar Association, 1981 – 2003

Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys, 1985 – 2003

Nebraska Land Title Association, 19985 – 2003

Nebraska Licensed Title Insurance Agent, 1985 – 2003

National District Attorney Association, past member

Nebraska Licensed Real Estate Abstractor, past member

Nebraska County Attorney Association, past member

Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees

Nebraska State Bar Association:

Real Estate Practice & Title Standards Committee, board
member, 1999 – 2003

Blair High School Mock Trial Team, coach, 2001, 2002, 2004

High School Mock Trial Program, Regional Coordinator for 6th
Judicial District, 1991, 1992, 2005, 2006, 2007
Judge for Local/Regional Competitions, 1990 – 2000

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Judicial Resources Commission, District Court Representative,
2010-present
Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, secretary, 2009 – present
Office of Dispute Resolution, Advisory Council, 2008 – present
Nebraska Parenting Act Fund Policy Committee, 2007 – present
Nebraska Family Mediator Standards Committee, Mediator
Approval Sub-Committee, 2007 – present

Nebraska District Judges Association

Court Reporters' Committee, chairperson, 2008 – present

Nebraska County Attorney's Association

Former member, 1985 – 1997

Community Activities

Washington County Public Defender Policy Board, board member,
2002 – 2003
Blair Youth Sports Complex Association, Inc., director, 1999 – 2003
Blair Area Chamber of Commerce:
Legislative Committee, former director & member,
1987 – 2003
First Lutheran Church (ELCA), member, 1987 – present

Teaching & Publishing

Lecture, "What Civil Court Judges Want You to Know," National
Business Institute, December, 2011

Lecturer, Estate Planning & Probate Seminar, NE Continuing Legal
Education, Inc., 2003

Lecturer, Divorce Fundamentals Seminar, NE State Bar
Association, 2001

Lecturer, County Attorney Seminar, NE County Attorney's
Association, 1991